

APPENDIX 3 | Letters of Support

The Project brings a wealth of stakeholder support, as demonstrated by the breadth of letters of support from elected officials, business groups, community associations, educational institutions, and other organizations. The following entities' and individuals' letters are included. Should additional letters be submitted following grant application, they will be added to the project website (<http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/BUILD>).

Larry Hogan, Governor of Maryland
Gregory Slater, MDOT Secretary
Maryland Congressional Delegation
Antonio Hayes, Maryland State Senator
Maryland House of Delegates Baltimore City Delegation
Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Baltimore City Mayor
Eric Costello, Baltimore City Councilman
Robert Stokes Sr., Baltimore City Councilman
Abell Foundation
Amtrak
Bolton Hill Community Association
Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission
Central Maryland Transportation Alliance
Charles Street Development Corporation
Charles North Community Association
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore
Greater Baltimore Committee
Greater Washington Partnership
Greenmount West Community Association
IKE
Johns Hopkins University
Live Baltimore
Maryland Transportation Committee
MICA
Midtown Community Benefits District
Mt. Vernon Belvedere Association
Station North Arts District
Transit Choices
University of Baltimore



LARRY HOGAN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 13, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) four applications seeking Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funding. These important projects advance critical state and national economic development and infrastructure objectives, and will address multimodal needs in regions across the State—from rural areas in Southern Maryland to urban centers like Baltimore City.

The four projects include the following:

MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA), MD 5 Great Mills Improvement Project: MDOT SHA is seeking a grant to fulfill an initiative to address critical safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life issues in the rural Southern Maryland region. Currently, MD 5 experiences long traffic queues during the peak travel period, creating congestion and safety concerns, with a crash rate significantly higher than the statewide average. Additionally, the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Naval Air Station Webster Field, and Coast Guard Station St. Inigoes are all located near the project area. These installations alone employ 18,000 active-duty personnel, civilians, and contractors who all rely on MD 5 for access to destinations around Washington, DC and Maryland in the event of a state or national emergency. This application will provide the funding to address critical needs and represents a strong partnership among MDOT SHA, St. Mary's County, Patuxent River Air Station, and other federal, state, and local partners.

MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), ReBUILD and ReCONNECT Penn Station Project: MDOT MTA is seeking grant funding to provide multimodal infrastructure investments around Penn Station in the heart of Baltimore City. These investments will significantly improve mobility, safety, and connectivity to this regional intermodal transportation hub. The project also complements Amtrak and Penn Station Partners' \$140-million redevelopment of the historic Penn Station headhouse building, construction of a new terminal building, and adjacent commercial development. The area around Penn Station is expected to see increasing levels of economic growth as the station redevelopment advances, and the need for safe, fast, and reliable intermodal connections is critical.


MDOT Maryland Port Administration (MPA), *Resiliency and Flood Mitigation*

Improvements at Dundalk Marine Terminal: MDOT MPA is seeking grant funding to provide resiliency and flood mitigation improvements at the Dundalk Marine Terminal (DMT). The project is part of a larger, long-term resiliency program at MDOT MPA's terminals. By making improvements to the DMT, the project will reduce the risk of cargo losses due to storm surge and rainfall flooding at the Port of Baltimore's largest and most versatile general cargo facility. The project will create a more resilient marine terminal and make the movement of goods more efficient.

MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), *Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) Project:* MDOT MTA, in partnership with Charles and Prince George's Counties, is seeking planning grant funding to complete a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) project. Providing a separate, high-capacity transit line in this rapidly-growing corridor will be transformative to the greater Washington, DC region, and completing the DEIS is an important first step in ultimately delivering this project.

I strongly support these grant applications and urge you to award the requested BUILD funds to these vital, transformative projects. Thank you for your time and consideration of these important grant applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan", is written over the printed name.

Larry Hogan
Governor

May 7, 2020

Ms. Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the 2020 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The *Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project* (Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' more than \$450 million transit-oriented commercial development.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances. The need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical for the city and region.

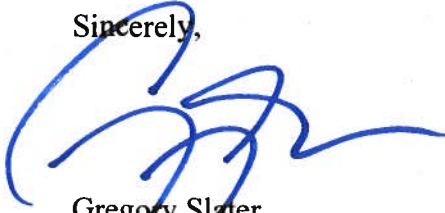
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Ms. Elaine Chao
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I urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the Northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BCDOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Heather Murphy, MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming (OPCP) Director, at 410-865-1275 or by email at hmurphy@mdot.state.md.us. Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Gregory Slater
Secretary

cc: Ms. Heather Murphy, Director, OPCA, MDOT

Ms. Elaine Chao
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bcc: Ms. Samantha Biddle, Chief Strategy Officer, MDOT
Thomas J. Curtin, Esq., Chief of Staff, MDOT
Mr. R. Earl Lewis, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services,
MDOT
Ms. Michelle Martin, Deputy Director, OPCP, MDOT
Mr. Sean Powell, Deputy Secretary, Operations and Homeland Security, MDOT
Mr. Jeff Stockdale, Federal Legislative Officer, MDOT
Mr. Jeff Tosi, Director, Office of Government Affairs, MDOT

William J. Flynn
President and Chief Executive Officer



May 11, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Maryland DOT's FY 2020 BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), I am writing to express our strong support for the Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) grant application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY20 United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation discretionary grant program. The BUILD competitive grant program funds surface transportation infrastructure investments that will have a significant local or regional impact.

Amtrak's support relates to the following project:

Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project (MD)

The proposed BUILD project will provide multi-modal infrastructure investments around Baltimore Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. Baltimore Penn Station is Amtrak's 8th busiest, and this \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' over-\$450 million, transit-oriented, commercial development.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak's *Northeast Regional* and *Acela Express*, and MDOT MTA/MARC commuter rail services. The station also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and is a central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable intermodal connections is critical.

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao

May 11, 2020

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This BUILD project would create new and improve existing connections for Amtrak customers at Baltimore Penn Station between rail service and all local modes of travel, with a focus on transit connections. For example, current pick-up and drop-off conditions are inadequate and unsafe for Amtrak customers. This BUILD grant is intended to organize a more efficient configuration of the curbside to serve new station entry points and establish a more inviting and hospitable environment.

If applicable, it is Amtrak's expectation that, prior to the obligation of grant funds for this project, MDOT MTA and Amtrak will discuss resource requirements and Amtrak's ability to adequately support the project, and subsequently enter into an agreement setting forth our roles and responsibilities with respect to the project, with terms acceptable to Amtrak.

In summary, the proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The advancement of a project like this will not only significantly improve our nation's transportation infrastructure but will also contribute to the economic competitiveness of the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William J. Flynn".

William J. Flynn
President & Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Gregory I. Slater, Secretary of Transportation, MDOT

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 14, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

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We urge you to give this project favorable consideration and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/ Benjamin L. Cardin

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

/s/ Chris Van Hollen

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

/s/ Steny H. Hoyer

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Member of Congress

/s/ C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger

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/s/ John P. Sarbanes

John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress

/s/ Anthony G. Brown

Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress

/s/ David Trone

David Trone
Member of Congress



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

May 8, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, and travel times. In addition, planned improvements will provide access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, to access services and education opportunities. Baltimore Penn Station serves as a major access point for commuters traveling more than two hours daily to Washington, D.C., many of whom are federal servants. Penn Station is located within my district, where improvements can improve air quality and better health that are a byproduct of congestion from the crowded, urban environment that surrounds Baltimore's Penn Station.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. The FTA identifies the critical role of transit in "environmental sustainability" through improved transit. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

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Secretary Elaine Chao
April 29, 2020
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I hope you favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,



Senator Antonio L. Hayes
Chair, Baltimore City Senate Delegation
40th Legislative District - MD



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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May 8, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Letter of Support – MDOT MTA Application for FY 20 BUILD Grant Program and Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Chao,

As Chair of the Baltimore City House Delegation, I am pleased to support the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program to fund the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project.

Baltimore's Penn Station is not just an historic landmark and civic destination but also an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City and a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It is a central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from universities, communities, and commercial nodes heavily reliant on this important transportation hub, as over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers pass through Penn Station each year.

I am confident that the funding received for the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project will greatly improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections in Baltimore City, in addition to providing the necessary and long overdue infrastructure and modernization enhancements to Penn Station with the assistance of investments from Amtrak and other stakeholders.

I urge you to favorably consider this significant project as the proposed improvements and infrastructure investments will enhance safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents but also commuters who travel to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

Sincerely,

Delegate Stephanie Smith



BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG
Mayor
250 City Hall, 100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

April 23, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

As Baltimore's Mayor, I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. I have directed the Department of Transportation to act as a partner in the project and to provide all the necessary support.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

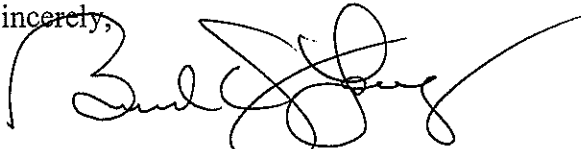
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I urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Bernard C. "Jack" Young
Mayor

Chairman, Budget & Appropriations Committee
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
Chairman, Biennial Audits Oversight Commission



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Land Use & Transportation Committee
Taxation, Finance, & Economic Development Committee

Eric T. Costello

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Baltimore City Council, 11th District

April 22, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Citizen of Baltimore, I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. I have directed the Department of Transportation to act as a partner in the project and to provide all the necessary support.

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Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-4816.

Sincerely,

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Eric. T. Costello
Baltimore City Council, 11th District



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL

ROBERT STOKES, Sr., 12th District

Committees: Executive Appointments, Chair; Labor, Vice Chair; Land Use and Transportation; Taxation, Finance, and Economic Development; Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

May 1, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Citizen of Baltimore, I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. I support the Department of Transportation to act as a partner in the project and to provide all the necessary support.

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Respectfully,

Robert Stokes

GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE

Regional business leaders creating a better tomorrow... today.

April 22, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Greater Baltimore Committee, a regional business advocacy organization comprised of businesses, educational institutions, not for profit organizations, and foundations, extends its full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will enhance safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub. Penn Station is located in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project supports Amtrak's investment of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit-oriented commercial development.

Penn Station serves as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The immediate area around Penn Station is projected to see increasing levels of economic growth with the station redevelopment. This growth combined with the current usage necessitates the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections.

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Letter to the Honorable Elaine Chao

April 22, 2020

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The Greater Baltimore Committee urges your favorable consideration of this project that will provide vital multi-modal access and improve safety in this critical hub along the Northeast Corridor. The application and associated matching funds demonstrate the strong partnership that has been developed among the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and Penn Station Partners.

The Greater Baltimore Committee commends these partners for their collaborative working relationship and respectfully requests your support for this significant project for Baltimore City and the Greater Baltimore region.

Sincerely,

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Donald C. Fry
President & CEO

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April 21, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Abell Foundation, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,



Robert C. Embry, Jr.
President

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May 8, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Bolton Hill Community Association joins its neighbors in nearby Charles North and Mount Vernon neighborhoods to express robust support for the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project through the Maryland Department of Transportation's application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. Bolton Hill residents value the neighborhood's proximity to Baltimore Penn Station, so the proposed improvements to pedestrian walkways, public transportation, streetscaping, better curbside pick-up and drop-off, and secure bicycle storage will be appreciated. We also see the broader value of the project in conjunction with the roughly half a billion dollars in Amtrak investments and transit-oriented development underway around the station for the roughly 3 million passengers who rely on Baltimore Penn Station for their rail travel.

We are enthusiastic about the possibility of the transportation improvements around Baltimore Penn Station possible with the BUILD grant and ask for your favorable consideration of the Maryland Department of Transportation's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Nyweide". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Nyweide
Bolton Hill Community Association President

May 12, 2020

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Chairman Emeritus

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

As members of the Central Maryland Regional Transportation Commission, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark, and is a central connection point to and from Downtown Baltimore for several colleges and universities, neighboring counties and communities, commercial nodes and performing arts and cultural centers. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical.

In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station each year, Penn Station is located on two main arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus and light rail riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A BUILD grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP –to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

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Very truly yours,

Katie Collins-Ihrke, MBA, MS
Executive Director, Accessible Resources
For Independence
Commissioner, Regional Transit Plan Commission

Linda Greene
Commissioner, Regional Transit Plan Commission

J. C. Henderickson
Member, MARC Riders Advisory Council
Commissioner, Regional Transit Plan Commission

Brad Killian
Director, Harford County Department of
Planning & Zoning
Commissioner, Regional Transit Plan Commission

Ramond Robinson
Director, Transportation, Anne Arundel County
Commissioner, Regional Transit Plan Commission

James L. Shea
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Commissioner, Regional Transit Plan Commission

Gina Stewart
Executive Director, BWI Business Partnership
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April 28, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements to rail, bus, taxi, ridesharing, bicycling, pedestrian, and other modes will improve the performance of Penn Station as a multimodal hub and help Baltimore's disparate modes work together as a network.

The \$10 million **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

Penn Station has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, offering connections via light rail, MTA bus routes, the Charm City Circulator, the Jones Falls Trail, Baltimore's network of cycle tracks, and two Maryland Historic Byways (Charles Street and Falls Road), to several universities, communities, and commercial nodes, including Downtown Baltimore and the Inner Harbor. It also plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail.

In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus and light rail riders, pedestrians, and cyclists.

MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – will use the BUILD grant to improve bus lanes, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings that help people move safely and efficiently between Penn Station and the neighborhoods, small businesses and institutions that surround it. They will redesign how buses, paratransit, college shuttles, rideshare vehicles, taxis, and personal vehicles share the curbsides near Penn Station to improve safety and efficiency for all users. They will improve the section of the Jones Falls Trail near Penn Station to allow trail users to travel through or access the station.

Together the investments significantly improve mobility, safety, and connectivity to one of Maryland's most heavily used inter-modal transportation hubs and one of the busiest stations in Amtrak's network. We urge you to favorably consider this significant project.

Sincerely,

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Brian O'Malley
President & CEO



May 4, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Charles North Community Association in Baltimore City, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP –to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

David Lapides, President - Charles North Community Association

CHARLES STREET
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

May 14, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Charles Street Development Corporation (CSDC), we are writing to express our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

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In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus and light rail riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. Charles Street is the original main street of Baltimore and a federally designated Scenic Byway. An improved Penn Station will encourage private investment and development in the surrounding neighborhoods, boosting our organization's efforts to attract and retain residents and visitors to the corridor. CSDC looks forward to working with MDOT MTA in considering the bus lane changes along Charles Street to preserve street parking for the area's retailers and restaurants.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Kristin Speaker
Executive Director



April 29, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

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In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus and light rail riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A BUILD grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP –to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor.

Sincerely,

Claudia Jolin
Vice President, Economic Development

May 6, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: MDOT MTA's Grant Application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program for the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership) supports the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The Partnership is a civic alliance of the leading employers in the Capital Region of Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, who employ more than 250,000 residents around the region. The Partnership is committed to making the Capital Region the best place to live, work, and build a business.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments that will improve access by transit, walking, and bicycling to Penn Station, the city, and the larger region's intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. The \$10 million Project complements Amtrak investments of more than \$100 million to modernize and expand the station, and Penn Station Partners' \$450 million transit-oriented development.

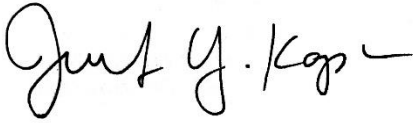
In 2018, the Partnership released the [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#), an action-oriented strategy to transform the Capital Region's transportation system into an asset that ensures our global competitiveness. The Blueprint's first solution called for Modernizing Intercity and Commuter Rail, including the redevelopment of Baltimore Penn Station. The proposed station enhancements and corresponding development will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. The Project will speed up this important work by unlocking the ability of MDOT MTA to transform the project area with benefits that impact millions of people annually that travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

The Project has strong partnerships between the state, local government, and the Penn Station Partners, as well strong advocacy support from private employers.



For these reasons, the Partnership fully supports this application. Thank you for your support and leadership.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Y. Kaplan

Vice President, Engagement and External Affairs, Greater Washington Partnership





30 April, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Greenmount West Community Association, a neighborhood within Baltimore's Station North Arts and Entertainment District, I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak and MARC commuter rail. It also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark, civic destination, and central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around Penn Station, including Greenmount West, will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable intermodal connections is critical.

Our community has come a tremendous way in the past 10 years thanks to planned investments by Baltimore City, anchor institutions, and the private sector. Where once our neighborhood had a 50% vacancy rate and hundreds of vacant parcels, our blighted properties are now few in number and we have new market-rate construction for single family housing. Our

neighborhood's success is integrally linked to the vibrancy of the transit options available in central Baltimore and particularly to our proximity to Baltimore Penn Station.

A BUILD grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and Penn Station Partners (PSP) – to transform the project area with benefits that will impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub. We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Lauren Kelly-Washington

Lauren Kelly-Washington
President, Greenmount West Community Association
Lauren.kellywashington@gmail.com

cc:

Brian Levy, Vice President, Greenmount West Community Association
(brianlevy89@gmail.com)

Ashley Wallace, Deputy Director, Central Baltimore Partnership
(awallace@centralbaltimore.org)



May 1, 2020

Bill Struever
Cross Street Partners
bstruever@crossstpartners.com

Re: Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Mr. Struever:

We are writing to express our intent to partner with Downtown Partnership of Baltimore (DPOB) to install up to four (4) interactive wayfinding kiosks, IKEs, in and around Penn Station as part of the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project. We will work directly with your team on siting the kiosks in locations that will have the highest visibility and garner the most interaction from commuters. Each kiosk is roughly a \$100,000 investment.

Our kiosks are equipped with the following customizable features:

Suite of Applications Showcasing Local Businesses and Geo-centric Content
Real-time Transportation Feeds & Direction Downloads Directly to Users Phone
Free Wi-Fi & Increased Cellular Coverage
Two-Way Communication Platform with Local Police
Optional Security Cameras
Customizable Aesthetics
Content Integration & Real-Time Updates
Mobile & Web Extensions
Multi-Lingual
Data & Analytics Including Pedestrian Counts & Linger Times
Air Quality Monitor
ADA Compliant
Optional Digital Ticker

IKE's digital ticker provides additional wayfinding with a design aesthetic that reflects traditional public transit cues. The LED strip is located at the top of the kiosk to maximize visibility for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. With different options for content, the ticker can be remotely programmed to scroll or display customized information, including:

- Street names or landmark identifiers
- Transit information like real-time train or bus schedules

- PSAs or alerts from the City
- News headlines or important updates

This space is dedicated to community-related content and advertisers cannot pay to be in the ticker.



The above provides a brief synopsis of IKE's capabilities and features. Please reach out at any time with questions on the IKE product. We look forward to working with DPOB and your team in bringing IKEs to Penn Station.

Best regards,

Jibran Shermohammed

Jibran Shermohammed
VP of Development
IKE Smart City, LLC
jibran@ikesmartcity.com



May 13, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: FY20 BUILD Grant Program, Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Johns Hopkins University, I write to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the Fiscal Year 2020 BUILD Grant Program. The capital improvements made possible with these funds will leverage over \$200 million in underway capital projects, directly connected public, private, and institutional investments (including \$7 million from Johns Hopkins University), with \$50 million in additional capital development deep in the planning stage. The BUILD funds are critical to advancing our collaborative economic development plans and delivering game-changing transit-oriented development, and retaining and creating jobs. In addition, the plans will improve public safety and multimodal connectivity, reduce travel times, attract additional private capital, and access substantial economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multimodal infrastructure improvements around Penn Station to enhance existing infrastructure, supports construction underway and planned transit updates, as well as walking and bicycling connections to reinforce the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City and the Metro Region. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion work, Penn Station Partners' \$450 million transit-oriented commercial development project, major capital investments by the adjacent University of Baltimore, and other enhanced connectivity to the nearby Station North Arts District.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, MARC commuter rail, local and regional transit, and access to several major universities. The station is a key gateway to Baltimore City and Johns Hopkins University and its medical facilities, and functions as a historical landmark and civic destination. Penn Station's proximity to multiple neighborhoods, the Central Business District, tourist destinations, arts and cultural venues, and commercial nodes creates a large and natural congregation point that will benefit from the improvements supported by the BUILD grant. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical.

In addition, over 3 million passengers use the station annually, complimented by the heavily-traveled major thoroughfares of Charles and St. Paul Streets, and the adjacent I-83 highway which connects Baltimore City to the surrounding Metro area. A BUILD grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore

City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and Penn Station Partners –to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who live, travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

As a leading anchor institution, we are fully committed to our city. As such, we recognize the importance of near- and long-term investments to see Baltimore rise to its full potential. We urge you to favorably consider our request to invest in this critical effort to improve multimodal access and safety in this essential hub along the

Northeast Corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project demonstrates the strong partnership among MDOT MTA, DHCD, Baltimore City DOT, and Penn Station Partners. These parties recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Alicia Wilson

CC: Sec. Slater

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to express Live Baltimore's enthusiastic support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. A BUILD grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA—in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and Penn Station Partners—to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

Penn Station plays a critical role as a hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. For many who live in Baltimore city, it provides a vital connection to job opportunities in other parts of the region and especially in Washington D.C. In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands of commuters each day.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** will provide multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to support the station's role as a hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$10 million project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, and Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. The application and matching funds associated with the project demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and Penn Station Partners. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Improvements to Penn Station will increase safety, efficiency, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore City residents who rely on rail transit every day. In addition, the area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances. I hope you will favorably consider investing in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access in the heart of Baltimore City.

Sincerely,



Annie Milli
Executive Director
Live Baltimore
amilli@livebaltimore.com

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Maryland Transportation Commission, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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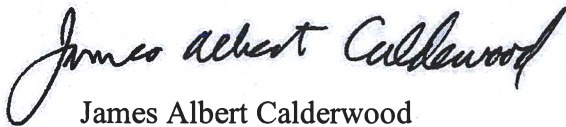
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We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor in order to advance this project as quickly as possible.

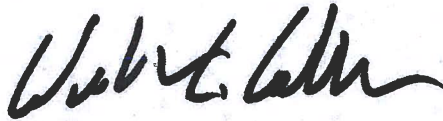
Sincerely,

The Honorable Elaine Chao

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James Albert Calderwood
Chairman



William Callahan
Ex-Officio Member



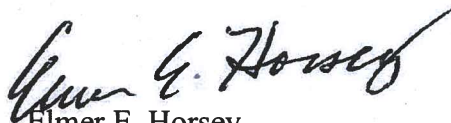
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Member



Thomas Hampton
Member



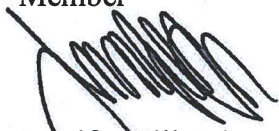
Elmer E. Horsey
Member



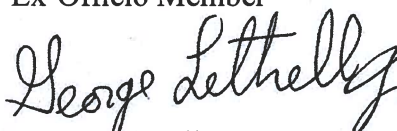
Natasha Iheme
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George Littrell, Jr.
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Lisa Weimin Liu
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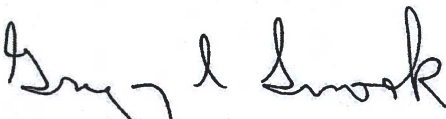
Michael J. Moore
Member



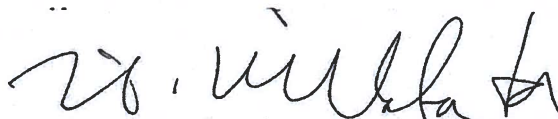
Ben Neil
Member



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May 14, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP –to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Samuel Hoi
President



MIDTOWN BALTIMORE

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

May 6, 2020

Dear Secretary Chao:

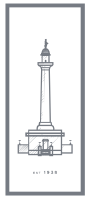
Midtown Community Benefits District is in support of the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. Penn Station has long played a significant role in the district's development, particularly with respects to the growth of its universities and ever-growing residential population. Simply put, the station is an iconic center of the district and its redevelopment will promote additional growth, and access to the area and those directly adjacent. The proposed improvements further the community's goals of providing safe multi-modal options for all who travel through, to and from the area.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides necessary infrastructure investments that reflect and support the importance of Penn Station's role as an intermodal hub in the center of the city. The variety of improvements in transit, walking, and bicycling connections will increase Midtown's community members to capitalize on this multimodal asset. Specifically the adjacent major arteries, which experience heavy vehicular, transit, pedestrian and bicycle traffic every day, will see positive improvement as a result of the collective investments. The \$10 million project augments the investments by both Amtrak and Penn Station Partners in the station improvements and the large-scale transit oriented commercial development which ultimately fosters connectivity between the neighborhoods, as well as the variety of transit opportunities.

Midtown Community Benefits District supports this critical investment in the heart of our district, and requests your favorable consideration of the project. The importance to the adjacent neighborhoods, the city, region, and northeast corridor is significant and greatly impacts the connectivity to the multi-modal hub. Midtown remains a supportive partner, and looks forward to the ongoing community engagement in this incredibly important redevelopment and series of improvements.

Respectfully,

Nan Rohrer
President



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April 24, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Belvedere Improvement Association (MVBA), I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,

Michele Richter, President
Mount Vernon-Belvedere Improvement Association

cc: File



Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, Inc.

April 23, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents, including residents of the Reservoir Hill community, and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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The Reservoir Hill neighborhood is located one mile northwest of Penn Station and is home to many commuters who use Penn Station on a daily basis. The proposed project provides several significant benefits that will directly impact the Reservoir Hill neighborhood and make it much easier, faster and safer for residents to travel to and from Penn Station.

- The new bus lanes on Charles and St. Paul Streets will connect to the bus lanes under development on North Avenue to create a direct, rapid transit link between Reservoir Hill and Penn Station. This will lower travel time for transit riders and improve reliability of service, which is a significant benefit to MARC commuters and local transit riders who live in Reservoir Hill.
- The addition of secure bike parking will give residents biking from Reservoir Hill to the station more comfort in leaving their bikes there while they are at work. Many people are hesitant to bike to Penn Station because there isn't an access-controlled area to store their bikes, so secure bike parking will allow more people to feel that biking to Penn Station is a viable option.
- The lighting/ streetscape/ crosswalk improvements will make it safer for people to walk to the station, which is beneficial to all station users and pedestrians walking in the surrounding area.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access to an important anchor and transportation hub near the Reservoir Hill neighborhood. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Williams
RHIC Board Co-Chair

Suzanne Rackl
RHIC Board Co-Chair

May 6, 2020

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Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Central Baltimore Partnership, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY20 BUILD Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Elaine Asal
Board Chair



516 N. Charles Street
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April 20, 2020

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Chao:

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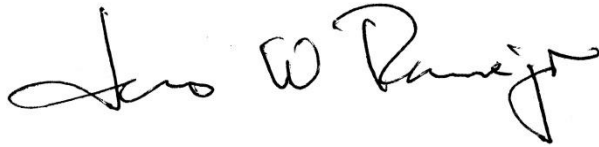
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Co-founder, Transit Choices



April 20, 2020

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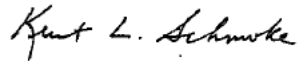
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Kurt L. Schmoke
President

